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UPGRADATION OF ESI HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is scarcity of specialist doctors, medical equipments, medicines and insufficient number of lady doctors in ESI hospitals/dispensaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof especially in regard to backward and rural areas;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for reorganizing, upgrading and modernising ESI network and providing better services;

(d) the total amount spent on hospitals/dispensaries located especially in backward areas during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the number of employees making contribution for availing medical facilities during the said period, State-wise and the amount contributed during the said period, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): As per the information given by the State Governments, which run and manage ESI Hospitals and dispensaries in the implemented areas of ESI Scheme, the vacancy position of doctors as on 31.3.05 is given at Annexure -A. However, State Governments have not reported any shortage of lady doctors. Medical equipments are provided as per requirements received from the State Governments, within the ESIC norms. Further, medicines are available in sufficient quantities in ESI Hospitals and dispensaries. To ensure that there is no shortage of medicines, State Governments are empowered to allocate the budget as per their requirement, within the ceiling norms.

(c): Several steps have been taken by the ESI Corporation for re-organizing & up-grading the facilities in hospitals/dispensaries as per norms of ESI Corporation.

i) The State Governments have been asked to re-organize the dispensaries / hospitals in the States to ensure optimum utilization of the facilities and re-deploy the staff as per requirement and work load in hospitals and dispensaries.

ii) Action plans have been drawn up from time to time to augment the availability of equipment and for upgrading and modernizing the diagnostic and clinical facilities.

iii) To provide comprehensive Medical services to Insured Persons and their families, tie-up arrangements with specialized hospitals have been made by various State Governments.

iv) One hospital per State has been / is being taken over, with the consent of State Government concerned by ESI Corporation to be run directly as Model Hospital. These hospitals are better equipped and their scope of services is being widened to provide comprehensive secondary care medical services.

v) The ceiling for reimbursement of expenditure on provision of medical care by State Governments has been enhanced from Rs.750/- to Rs.900/- per Insured Person family unit w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

vi) To expedite the process of sanction of equipment powers have been delegated to Senior State Medical Commissioners/ State Medical Commissioners of the States to sanction equipment upto Rs.15.00 lacs per unit cost at state level itself.

vii) The ESI Corporation has decided to set up four super specialty hospitals at Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kolkata & Delhi to provide quality medical care to the Insured Persons at State level itself.

(d): ESI Hospitals and dispensaries are located in the implemented areas only. The total expenditure on hospitals and dispensaries during the last three years is placed at Annexure `B`.

(e): The number of employees who contributed for availing medical facilities during the year 2002-03 to 2004-05 (three years) together with amount contributed State-wise and year-wise are shown at Annexure-C.